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1. Information obtained during the week of [REDACTED] has failed to confirm the existence of an imminent plot against the Salvadoran Government by either Communists or rightists. The Osorio government's purpose in declaring a state of siege still appears to have been prompted by a routine move against opposition groups rather than by any knowledge of an actual or proposed plot to be activated in the immediate future by either of these forces. [REDACTED] certain that the Communists had no such plans in the making, and that rightist maneuverings were in a very preliminary state when the government took action. 25X1A
2. As a result of the latest government move, the following members of the Communist Party and active participants in the Communist-dominated Comité de Reorganización Obrera Sindical (CROS) have been sent to Nicaragua: Luis Felipe Cativo, Cecilio Napoleon Villacorta, Eliseo Romero, Julio C. Lopez, Vicente Urrutia Letona, Julio Lemus, Jose Antonio Diaz, and Jacinto Castellanos Rivas. Others sent to Nicaragua who have Communist records, but who are not known to be affiliated with the Party, were Pedro Noubleau, Marcos Antonio Trigueros Monge, and Jose Ricardo Escobar. 25X1A
3. Rightists who have previous records of political activity against the present government, mainly in behalf of former President Osmin Aguirre y Salinas, also were sent to Nicaragua. This group included Francisco Aguilar Nunez, Antonio Gutierrez Diaz, Eugenio Aguilar Triqueros, Antonio Artiga, Arturo Alvarado, and Hector Alejandro Gomez. 25X1X
4. Arrangements for Nicaragua's acceptance of these exiles are said to have been made by Lieutenant Colonel Rafael Carranza Amaya, Inspector General of the Salvadoran Army who made a "routine" trip to Managua on 8 March with a Salvadoran economic commission. General Anastasio Somoza is supposed to have agreed to accept the rightists without too much difficulty, but insisted that arrangements be made as soon as possible to move the Communists on to another country. 25X1A

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5. Early reports on persons arrested included the name of Lieutenant Colonel Miguel Angel Parada, Chief of the Department of Military Justice, and a person considered to be susceptible to rightist intrigue. Subsequent information has revealed that Parada has not been jailed, but he has been relieved of his army duties.

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6. As an aftermath to the government crack-down, there followed the closing of CROS headquarters, and the open charge that this organization had been operating illegally, and that it was pro-Communist. Salvador C. Carpio, the CROS leader, avoided arrest by fleeing from his home before the police arrived to take him into custody. Other Communist labor leaders and Party intellectuals had not been molested up to 16 March, and source believed it unlikely that further large scale arrests would be made.

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